

## Mid Devon District Council -- Climate Handbook

*To accompany MDDC's climate action plan, we are creating a 'climate handbook'. The aim is to lay out the background that informs our work, as well as the thematic areas that will need attention if we are to achieve net zero by 2030. We hope that this handbook can be used in the following ways:*

- *For Council staff who are seeking guidance on how the climate emergency affects their work, and on the opportunities for collaboration, efficiencies and change.*
- *For elected Councillors who want to familiarise themselves with 1) the facts on the climate emergency, 2) the existing efforts to tackle it, and 3) areas for MDDC intervention.*
- *For members of the public who want to understand MDDC's approach, and who want to find resources and opportunities to engage and partner on efforts to reach net zero.*

### **Draft contents:**

- **What net zero carbon means**
  - The challenge of decarbonising
  - Why now?
  - The 'scopes' of emissions
  - Working as a partner with the wider District
- **How MDDC's work links to other plans:**
  - Other plans including national plans, the Devon Carbon Plan, and GESP
  - The unique Mid Devon context, opportunities and challenges
- **Getting our own house in order**
  - Internal structures and processes
  - Developing a decision-making tool
  - Climate training
  - Housing
  - Planning
  - Land and other assets
  - Energy
  - Transport
  - Procurement
  - Finance
  - Communication and engagement
- **The wider District**
  - Tree planting
  - Food and farming (*touching on e.g. the RSA food, farming & countryside commission; NFU zero carbon 2040 report; and local food hubs*)
  - Business (*including business toolkit*)
  - Biodiversity
  - Transport
  - Climate & biodiversity grants
  - Lobbying
  - Mapping District partners: community groups, business, town & parish councils
- Next steps / key interventions to enable MDDC to achieve net zero by 2030
- Signposting resources for District partners
- Funding: increasing efficiencies, and finding additional investment
- The other benefits and opportunities in achieving net zero by 2030